

Diagnostic test 10

Conditionals

Twelve of these conditional sentences contain a mistake, or may be considered incorrect by most English speakers. Tick (✓) the correct sentences, then find and correct the mistakes. (Be careful! Incorrect punctuation counts as a mistake.)

Example

I would have called you if I ~~knew~~ you were at home.

had known

- 1 It may be possible, if both parties desire it, to reduce the time scale.
- 2 If the bill is passed by both parliamentary houses then it becomes law.
- 3 Shall we start the decorating at the weekend if we had no other plans?
- 4 If you spill even something as innocuous as water on this fabric, it stains.
- 5 When you press the 'record' button, the green light comes on.
- 6 If the museum will charge for entry, a lot of people won't be able to use it.
- 7 Are you unhappy with any of our operatives, we will replace them immediately.
- 8 If you're taking some flowers to Julie, I'll take some fruit.
- 9 If the form has been correctly completed, the transfer will take only two days.
- 10 The organisers would respond positively to proposals if they are submitted by 10th June.
- 11 If you were to listen more carefully, you might understand a little more.
- 12 If I was you, I should try to see a consultant as soon as possible.
- 13 If he would have waited a bit longer, we would have given him the result.
- 14 The King of Belgium didn't attend the royal wedding. If he hadn't been there, he would have witnessed a marvellous spectacle.
- 15 If the company didn't want to continue sponsoring us in the future, they wouldn't renew our contract last week, would they?
- 16 If the authority had built new homes as planned, we would have fewer homeless people on our streets today.
- 17 Shh! I'd be grateful unless you made comments during the concert.
- 18 Always take a basic medicine kit on holiday in case you fall ill.
- 19 Even they go down with flu after they've had the vaccination, it's likely to be less serious.
- 20 Those concerned by the long-term effects of global warming believe that the damage has been done, whether we take remedial steps now.